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GENERAL TOJO COMMITS SUICIDE

To Escape Arrest By American Security Officers

JAPAN'S No. 1 WAR CRIMINAL

JAPAN'S NO. 1 WAR CRIMINAL HAS ESCAPED TRIAL AND PUNISHMENT BY THE COURTS OF THE UNITED NATIONS' HIGH COMMAND.

IN TOKYO YESTERDAY, GENERAL HIDEKI TOJO, WHO WAS THE PRIME MINISTER OF JAPAN RESPONSIBLE FOR AUTHORIZING THE ATTACK ON PEARL HARBOR AND THE SIMULTANEOUS ASSAULTS WITHOUT WARNING ON HONG KONG AND MANILA, SHOT HIMSELF TO EVADE ARREST.

American Security officers, despatched by General MacArthur's Headquarters, were practically at the entrance to the house in which General Tojo was staying, when the leading Japanese war criminal committed suicide.

General Tojo was, of course, well aware that he was a marked man.

The fact outstanding in Japan's war of aggression was that it was entered upon capriciously by the conservative forces of Japan, of which General Tojo was the principal influence at the time.

BIG BUSINESS

The strategy of aggression and adventure was not invented by a clique of young super-nationalist officers—General Tojo, his close ally, General Count Terauchi, who has declined to attend the surrender ceremony in Singapore on plea of ill-health, and Marshal Sugiyama, who was Chief of Staff under Tojo—these three who had control of the Japanese army in 1941-42, were not static youngsters.

There was not that excuse, for Tojo or any of his chief aides. They were experienced old generals closely connected with Zaibatsu—the big Japanese trusts.

Tojo's links were with the notorious Mitsubishi family. Count Terauchi's affiliations were with the equally famed Mitsu clan.

Sorting out Japan's war criminals will indeed provide a Herculean task. The Court, Army leadership, big business and bureaucracy are intertwined. They rule together though they have

never had the "monolithic" character of Hitler's dictatorship.

IN LINE

Many students of Japan's inner picture are convinced that the capitulation, sudden and complete as it was, may represent an emergency solution in an attempt to agency vested interests. In this respect, General Tojo's suicide falls into line with the predictable. It will be recalled that Tojo was ousted from control of national affairs after the American capture of Saipan.

Huge War Shipping Losses

The British Empire lost 2,570 merchant ships, with a total tonnage of 11,330,000, during the war.

This was more than half the total losses of the Allies, which amounted to 4,280 ships, totalling 19,730,000 gross tons. The principal causes were:

By U-boats: 1,360 British, 440 American, 670 other Allies, 300 neutral; total, 2,770.

By mines: 340 British, 15 American, 165 others; total, 520.

By surface raiders: 210 British, 13 American, 107 others; total, 330.

By aircraft: 440 British, 58 American, 252 others; total, 750.

Other or unknown causes: 220 British, 12 American, 108 others; total, 400.

Altogether the U.S. lost 538 ships—3,310,000 tons—and the other Allies, except the Empire, 1,172—5,030,000 tons.

In addition, through marine risks, the British Empire lost 610 ships—1,120,000 tons.

VICTORY FLAG FLIES

A Tattered Union Jack today flutters from the flagstaff at Government House on Labuan Island, key position at the northern extremity of Brunei Bay, scene of the Australians' Borneo landing.

It was hoisted there by Corporal Park, veteran member of the first Australian unit to land on the island. He had carried the flag through the war in Africa and the Pacific for an occasion of this kind.

R. P. MORRIS RETURNING

It is learned that R. P. Morris, who was formerly in charge of the Government Wireless department, is returning to the Colony to-day, having acquired in the interval the rank of Lieut.-Colonel.

CATTLE SLAUGHTER

Concerning the slaughtering of cattle etc., it is notified for general information that arrangements have been made for the examination and slaughtering of cattle and sheep without charge at the Kennedy Town and Maitland Municipal Slaughter Houses.

OKINAWA LOSSES REVEALED

Thirty American ships were sunk and 223 damaged in the Okinawa campaign, it has been officially announced. Some 3,836 Japanese planes were brought down.

Shanghai Internees O. K.

ALL RANKS OF THE HONG KONG VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS, WITH FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN SHANGHAI, ARE ADVISED, UNDER THE LATEST ORDERS ISSUED BY LT. COL. E. J. R. MITCHELL, COMMANDANT, THAT GENERAL CONDITIONS IN THE INTERMENT CAMPS IN THAT CITY HAVE BEEN ON A VERY SATISFACTORY BASIS.

They are asked not to worry about their relatives and friends in that area, it being hoped that direct communication with Shanghai will be made possible in the very near future.

In regard to people who have evacuated to Macao, the Officer Commanding Troops, has ordered an investigation into conditions in the Portuguese Colony and in this case, it is expected that all ranks who have relatives and friends in Macao will be reunited with them very shortly.

Royal Family In War

Five years ago Buckingham Palace was hit by a bomb and damaged.

Throughout the blitzes Their Majesties the King and Queen remained in Buckingham Palace and quietly and unafraid went about their daily business sharing the common dangers with their people.

When the King and Queen were touring bomb-blasted homes in Lancashire one woman told Their Majesties, "We haven't a pane of glass in the window." "Our house is the same," said the King.

The Princesses, of course, were evacuated to the country, like so many British boys and girls. Queen Mary lived at Sandringham.

Many rooms at the Royal Palace were closed down and the Royal Family lived quietly, sharing the difficulties in rationing like their subjects and going down to the air raid shelter like everyone else—B.E.C.

TAKING NO CHANCES

Fearing attempts on the part of the Japanese to weaken vengeance on prisoners-of-war at camps in Burma, Siam, and Indo-China, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten's headquarters had taken the precaution of dropping small paratroop groups in the vicinity of every known camp in these areas to immediately establish contact and stand by to give armed aid in the event of incidents, according to a B.E.C. item last night.

CORRESPONDENCE

Advisers On The Future

Sir,—I understand that first meeting of the Chinese Advisers of the Hong Kong Reconstruction Advisory Committee was held at the office on Monday morning and attended by a very large number of so-called prominent Chinese residents (approximately 60) at the invitation of the local Government. The result is still in the realm of mystery.

Upon this unwieldy number of Advisers an observer has made the following classification, namely:—(a) Co-operators with the Japanese, (b) War Profiteers, (c) Non-Co-operators, (d) Passive-Resistants. Of all the above, class (a) predominates.

It is difficult for an ordinary man in the street to understand why these Co-operators are chosen as advisers to the present Government—some no doubt acted as such in one form or another to the Japanese during the occupation, unless it intends the public to believe that co-operation with the Japanese during those awful forty-four months, is, in the opinion of the present Government, not guilt whatever.

I hope however the public is not to think "co-operators" have been condoned. If so, it seems to me it pays "to run with the hares and hunt with the hounds."

ANOTHER OBSERVER.

"Y" LIBRARY BELIEVED SAFE

The secretary of European Y.M.C.A., Mr. A. W. Ingram, paid his first visit since the re-occupation to the Y.M.C.A. building in Salisbury Road, Kowloon, yesterday morning. The building is being used at present as a billeting centre for Royal Navy and R.A.F. personnel in Kowloon.

The building is in excellent condition and a large part of the furniture and fittings are intact. The Y.M.C.A. library has not yet been found in the building, but information is to hand that it was transferred by the Japanese to the Tung Ping Shan Library, Hong Kong University.

Accompanied by Sq. Ldr. the Rev. K. E. Hyde, representing the Free Church Group of the R.A.F. in Kowloon, Mr. Ingram later visited Kowloon Union Church, the Hall and Manse at Jordan Road.

This building and roof of the church were found to be in good condition but reconstruction will involve the replacement of a large amount of timber and all window panes. Looters denuded the Union Church buildings of all wood flooring, and windows.

JAPAN MUST INSIST!

Yoshi Ozaki, a Liberal leader in Japan, stated that Japan must insist on full rights in the reconstruction of the world. He declared, "We should not accept all the demands made by the other side."

LEAKING MAINS FILLER

The public are requested to inform the Water Authority of the position of any damaged or leaking water mains. Tel. 30840 and (Kowloon) 60940.

K.-Sydney Daily Air Service!

When a Dakota C-47 plane landed at Kai Tak Aerodrome yesterday, two Royal Naval officers and a daily air service from Hong Kong to Sydney.

The two officers, Lt. Comdr. J. M. Eanton, R.N., and Lt. Comdr. Foster Spinks, R.A.N.V.R., stated that they were satisfied that, weather permitting, a daily service would be possible when special wireless equipment had been set up at Kai Tak.

The Royal Navy has pioneered several Pacific air routes with the purpose of supplying the British Pacific fleet, and the experience they have gained daily will be invaluable in connection with peace-time air routing.

Comdr. T. Kemble, R.N.V.R., formerly a London barrister, directs the Royal Navy's air ferry service in the Pacific, which is one of the largest single controlled air services in the world.

The Dakota is one of the Royal Navy's 300 wing transport command aircraft. It was piloted by Flt. Lieut. "Trader" H. J. H. using on the China Coast, and with the party was Vint Comdr. Dunn, R.A.F.

The plane which arrived yesterday came via Leyte, while others are on their way here from Sydney.

M. T. B. EXPLOIT

Lt. Comdr. Ronale Ashby, D.S.C., M.R.N.V.R., is now in England after having taken active part in several theatres of war. It will be recalled that he first saw service in Hong Kong, being in charge of a motor torpedo boat which did invaluable work in the harbour when the Japanese were preparing for the attack on the island.

Damaged by aircraft, the M.T.B. managed to limp to the southern side of the island, where it again performed yeoman service running arms and ammunition to Stanley. When things became really critical she made a run for it and reached safety.

After that Ashby saw service in the Mediterranean, being wounded, and was then later stationed at Calcutta, from where he returned home.

It is understood that he will be rejoining Messrs. Dodwell & Co. Ltd. when he is demobilised.

H. K. V. D. C. CASUALTY AMENDMENTS

2nd Lieut. E. B. Teesdale, previously reported "missing believed killed," and Pte. W. Young, previously reported killed, are now reported alive and well.

Pte. Young was a member of the China Mail staff. The Adjutant, H.K.V.D.C., would be grateful for any information of the whereabouts of the following personnel of No. 3 Coy. Pte. L. A. Fox and Pte. A. S. Hoe.

AT MISTAKE

A statement drawn up and issued by the Civil Information Department during the week-end and covering local rehabilitation efforts was, as the result of a misunderstanding, attributed to the Commander-in-Chief in the Sunday Herald. The mistake is rectified.

ANOTHER BLOW TO TRANSPORT

"The tram service may not be able to operate for a matter of a week or 10 days," declared Mr. L. C. F. Bellamy, general manager of Hong Kong Tramways Limited, yesterday when asked how the broken cross harbour land cable would affect the tramway.

Public Fish Auctions

The following is a notice on the registration of Fish Retailers and Exporters, issued by Mr. G. A. C. Horlock, Director of Fisheries.

A Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market has been set up in the Central Market to sell fresh and salt fish by public auction. This organisation is nearly ready for action and in a few days the date of commencement will be announced in the Press and notices posted in the Market.

No fish will be sold wholesale in the Central Market, the Kennedy Town Market and Mui Pong Street or any other place other than through the Fish Wholesale Organisation.

All retailers, including licensed stall holders and all exporters of fresh and salt fish, are invited to register now with the Hong Kong Fish Wholesale Market at the Central Market. There will be no charge for registration but all who do register will be required to pay a deposit, the amount of which will be announced in the Press and posted in the Market when the new currency is in circulation.

The auctions will be open to all registered retailers and exporters of fresh and salt fish but owing to lack of space in the auction hall it may be necessary to limit bidders to 100 per auction. This difficulty could best be overcome if retailers themselves formed groups of five or ten with a representative to bid in the auction hall. A further announcement on this will be made later.

The times of the auctions will be announced in the Press and posted in the Central Market.

BUILDING THE NEW GERMANY

THE RUSSIAN-CONTROLLED BERLIN RADIO HAS ANNOUNCED THE ESTABLISHMENT OF BANKS AND SAVINGS BANKS FOR THE GRANTING OF CREDITS FOR ENTERPRISES TO ASSIST IN THE RECONSTRUCTION OF GERMANY. CREDIT WILL EXTEND TO TWO HUNDRED MILLION REICHSMARKS.

ITAGAKI ARRIVES IN SINGAPORE

General Itagaki arrived in Singapore with a Japanese mission yesterday to take part in the official surrender ceremony.

NO CABLES YET

No private or business cables for Shanghai or China, can be accepted for the time being.

IMPORTANT CONFERENCE BEGINS

THE COUNCIL OF FOREIGN MINISTERS OF GREAT BRITAIN, THE UNITED STATES, THE SOVIET UNION, CHINA AND FRANCE OPENED ITS MEETINGS AT LONDON YESTERDAY.

Among the items on the agenda for discussion and settlement are the separate paces that followed the capitulation of Italy, Finland, Hungary, Roumania and Bulgaria. Other nations will be invited to participate in these discussions as they are separately affected.

PSYCHOLOGY FOR THE HUNS

Anglo-U.S.A. board of psychology is being set up to reshape German thought. First decision to be put into effect is establishment of chain of factual newspapers and journals on British model.

It is notified in Volunteer orders that arrangements for H.K.V.D.C. representation in the official surrender ceremony here have been completed. Detailed instructions will be issued soon.

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CINDERELLAS

In one sense, the most curious consequence of the re-occupation of Hong Kong is that the greater burden of the transition from war to peace is being borne by the persons least fitted to bear the strain. The majority of those in high administrative positions come within the category of "crockers" from the internment camps, health impaired by privation, their limbs no longer agile, nor their eyesight keen, keeping going mainly because whatever else may all them, their hearts are in the right place. The same goes, very largely, for those engaged through the rank and file of the essential services, and those who have been flogging themselves, working abnormally long hours in a willing effort to produce efficient utility services in the shortest possible time. It is all being done with a courage and devotion that looks beyond the daily exhaustion to the satisfaction that will come from achievement. But it is not altogether enough to observe and to give credit where it is most certainly due. It is almost inevitable, such are the peculiarities of the situation, that the old hands, equipped with the necessary knowledge of local conditions and the handling of Chinese staffs, should be called upon to make special effort at this particular moment in the Colony's history. They alone know the ropes sufficiently well to smooth out difficulties and carve through obstacles which would leave the month-old griffin gasping, helpless and appalled. Is it, however, equally inevitable that these willing horses should, all the time, be deprived of the encouragement of the odd bit of sugar? Many of them are compelled to work in garb disgraceful judged by Stanley standards—partly because they have no time to look after themselves. Ill-fitting worn-out footwear is a common complaint. Few, if any, of the ex-internees called out hurriedly from Stanley, can lay their hands on sufficient changes for the sweat and tears of the moment. Ten days ago there was talk of an issue of shorts, shirts and shoes. At least for the majority it has been a totally empty promise. Like-wise with food. The rationing centre has done marvellously well with the materials placed at its disposal. But feeling grows that the essential workers in town have had the dirty end of the stick. Recitation of the list of items supplied to Stanley—butter in quantity, cheese, apples, oranges, chocolate etc. and so on—makes the townsfolk's eyes bulge with envy. And grievance grows. As one individual put it: "You need to be a bum to get anything as an essential service worker, and most of us are too busy to cultivate the art." But should it be necessary?

ARE YOU LEAVING?

Keep up-to-date with the reconstruction of Hong Kong by subscribing to "The Weekly China Mail," which will also contain all local news and photographs from "The Hong Kong Sunday Herald."

The Subscription rate for Hong Kong residents overseas will be free until the new currency is introduced, when Subscribers will be informed by letter of the Subscription rate.

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Back To Old Times

(By A Special Correspondent)
I took my first trip on a bampun since December, 1941, yesterday afternoon, curiosity as to what the boat people thought of the return to British rule prompting the hire of a native craft for a short trip in the harbor.
"It was quite enjoyable, for the old boatwoman was more than willing to talk. Her explanation was that it had been such a long time since she dared to express her views freely that she was only too glad of the chance."
"Well," she said, "it is indeed good to be back to old times again. When the Japanese were in occupation we had such a hard time—there was not a day when we did not go to bed hungry. My husband died of sheer starvation and so did my brother. My two daughters and I are left to fend for ourselves, but thank goodness we will not now be put to too much hardship to earn two decent meals a day."

FIXED DUES

"For one thing, when the Harbour Department says we have to pay \$5 (or even \$20) for a licence per year, we know that it will stop at that. When the Japanese were here, hardly a month passed but that we had to pay some sort of dues or other, and we were never certain how much."
"As a result, we had to be very careful with what little money we were able to earn, for if we failed to make payment when called upon to do so, there was always the danger of losing our licence altogether, or having to pay an exorbitant fine."
"Once again we can, and do, move about like free people. There is no danger of being pounced upon by a gendarme or one of their agents with charges of every nature. That alone is enough to make us happy and contented."
Steering towards a destroyer lying at anchor, she said, "Take this as an example. If we dared so much as approach within 100 yards of any Japanese warship, we'd have been called spies. Now look what the 'sat yan' (Westerners) do. They greet us cheerfully and throw us little biscuits or any other bits of food that may be going. Can you imagine a Japanese sailor doing that?"

A SLIGHTSHOCK

Hitch-hiking these days has been reduced to a fine art. In Kowloon, particularly, "lifts" are very generously and freely given to anybody going my way by good-natured Servicemen who tear along the highways and byways at speeds which, ordinarily, would end up with an interview with "the Beak."
Yesterday, a weary and foot-sore Volunteer, was returning to Camp after a visit to town. Too tired to take any particular notice of who was driving what horse-power or make of the car that came tearing along, he signalled the usual way for a lift.
"Sure," said the driver, "jump in" and jump in the grateful Volunteer did. What his feelings were, when he found he was riding in a mortuary van, with "fourteen stiffs" as he described his "companions" can be well imagined.

CRICKET CHALLENGE

Mr. K. Ramchand is willing to field a cricket eleven, representing Kowloon Indian residents, against any Royal Air Force or Royal Navy side able to make arrangements for a suitable venue. Communication with Mr. Ramchand can be made through the "China Mail."

6,000 INTERNED AT SHAMSHUIPO

A further batch of Japanese prisoners-of-war, bringing the total for the camp to 6,000 up to the present, were interned at Shamsuiipo yesterday. They carried a large amount of luggage and had rations with them for five days.

Reservoir Full To Bell Mark

Lt. Col. John Forbes, Water Control Officer, accompanied by a small party, made a visit of inspection to Shing Mun Reservoir on Monday afternoon.

They had no difficulty in getting there by car, the branch road leading to the reservoir being in very good condition. Except for a few villagers, who were stealing wood—mostly for saplings, unfortunately—no one was to be seen at Shing Mun.

It was a pleasant and comforting sight to see the reservoir full and over-flowing at the bell mark.

Apart from a slight settlement of stone pitching on the downward stream face, the main dam showed no sign of deterioration. The conduit running from Shing Mun to Kowloon is, according to all accounts, functioning properly. A short section near the reservoir was destroyed by a landslide and the water is now being conveyed by a pair of 24-inch pipes laid by the Japanese.

INEVITABLE LOOTING
The apparatus control tower, except for the theft of dials, gauges and other metal fittings, is in a satisfactory condition.

Looters have already stolen nearly all the timber flooring of the bridge connecting the control tower and the dam, and hand truck laden with a dozen floor beams was actually lying by the wayside awaiting removal. The sooner a guard is posted in this area the better, and until a guard can be arranged daily patrols would do much to prevent further looting.

TWEED BAY'S NEW NURSES

The arrival of three nursing Sisters, D. C. Irvine, A. M. Hippley and E. Surtees, of Queen Alexandra's Royal Naval Nursing Service Reserve, together with Nurses J. Pardoe, J. Walker and M. McIntyre of the Voluntary Aid Department, at Tweed Bay Hospital, will greatly relieve the present staff, who have carried on uncomplainingly throughout the period of internment. The sisters and nurses arrived in Hong Kong from Leyte on board H. M. Aircraft Carrier "Vengeance," and this preliminary group will be enlarged by the addition of several more sisters, who are due to arrive shortly on a hospital ship.

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TIFFIN, TEA &
DINNER

EAT AT
JIMMY'S
TO-DAY

Tria Juncta In Uno

Three Knights Grand Cross of the Bath (G.C.B.) were created in the King's V-Day Honours List. One smashed the Germans on land—Field-Marshal Montgomery. The second smashed them from the air—Air Chief Marshal (Bomber) Harris. The third smashed them at sea—Admiral Sir Max (Western Approaches) Horton, the U-defeater.

And the Motto of the Order of the Bath is "Tria Juncta In Uno"—three joined in one.

There are five barons: Field-Marshal Sir Philip Chetwode, 76-year-old chairman of the Red Cross and St. John War Organisation.

Sir William Braes, Tory M.P. for Clitheroe since 1922.

Major Sir William Cope, K.C., former Government Whip and Chairman of the Conservative Central Council.

Major Sir (Albert) James Edmondson, Tory M.P. for Banbury since 1922.

Sir Eugene Ramsden, Tory M.P. for Bradford North and a director of Lloyds Bank.

NEW BARONETS

New baronets are:

Air Chief Marshal Sir Wilfred Freeman, Chief Executive, Ministry of Aircraft Production.

Sir Alfred James Hawkey, chairman of West Essex Unionist Association.

Mr. Richard Denman, "MacDonaldite" M.P. for Leeds Central.

Mr. Henry Hill Mulholland, Speaker of the Northern Ireland House of Commons.

NEW MEDICAL CENTRES

Medical centres for dependents of members of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, according to the latest information, are to be set up in the following places:—

Outpatients (Hong Kong): Supreme Court (Dr. Selby) 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. to 3 p.m.

First Brigade Building, Chinese Centre, Kowloon: St. George's Building (China Light & Power Co., Waterloo Road).

Hospital Treatment (Hong Kong):—Yeung Wo Hospital, Happy Valley; Netherlands Hospital, Bonham Road; Kowloon: Kwong Wah Hospital.

It is also notified that Kowloon Hospital will open soon to take both in- and out-patients.

NAVAL SPORTING AMENITIES

Captain D. L. Neame, D.S.O., R.N., of H.M.S. Vengeur, who is responsible for the opening up of sporting amenities for the Navy in Hong Kong, informed the "China Mail" yesterday that a soccer match between representative teams of the Royal Navy and the R.A.F. will take place at Causeway Bay tomorrow or Friday.

The announcement that Swiftsure would play R.A.F. was in error. The naval side will be chosen from all ships in the Harbour.

NEW JOBS

The following appointments are announced in the latest H.K.V.D.C. orders:—

Lt. D. L. Prophet to be Quartermaster vice Capt. G. H. Calvert, with effect from September 10.

Pte. H. R. Tappenden promoted temporary (paid) Sergeant and appointed to the Quartermaster's staff with effect from September 10.

Sub. Lt. B. Parkinson, H.K.R.N. V.R., has been appointed A.D.C. to H.E. the Lieut.-Governor in place of Capt. J. K. R. MacGregor.

VICTORY GREETINGS FROM

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FOREIGN CURRENCY AND YEN

How is the rate of exchange between foreign currencies and the Military Yen fixed? This is a question that only hears from all sides, for despite the absence of any official rate of exchange, quite a lot of unofficial business is being done between stockkeepers and members of the Services who have nothing but Australian currency with which to do their shopping.
The "rate" varies in different places. At one store yesterday, the master slyly said "M.Y. 300" when a sailor produced an Australian pound note and asked "how much?"
Not unnaturally "Jack" was somewhat indignant at the quotation of only M.Y. 300, but it was the shopkeeper's turn to assume the "injured party" role when M.Y. 1200 was demanded.

AUSTRALIAN FLORINS

At another place a couple of sailors produced a handful of Australian florins and asked "how many of these for a bottle of beer?" Quick as lightning the man behind the counter produced the trusty abacus and, after a great deal of manipulation calmly stated that he wanted "fourteen pieces," adding that if the prospective customer could pay in U.S. currency, then the "damage" would be only \$1.60.
The parties concerned in this would-be transaction parted the best of friends, the sailors retaining their florins and the stockkeeper his beer.

The Black Market rates for yen are enough to give an indication of what value the public places on money that was being printed by the Japanese "like so many tram tickets," as one local merchant so aptly put it.

Yesterday morning one could get as many as M.Y. 60 for a Hong Kong dollar. In the afternoon, however, the quotation was M.Y. 67, but there were only a few buyers. Pending an official announcement, the general public are chary of buying yen, the majority of the people showing a decided preference to "hang on" to what Hong Kong money they have managed to hide from the Japanese.

Quite a brisk business is being done between our visitors and the surprising large number of people who have turned watch dealers. In most cases a pound or two pounds will secure a fairly good-looking watch, but the antecedents of the works of most of these time-pieces are open to question.

TWO NAMES ON WATCH

The writer happened to witness one of these deals, and a pound appeared to be quite a reasonable price for a fairly new "Wyley," but for the fact that closer examination revealed the tell-tale fact that the back of the watch bore another name, "stainless steel, waterproof!"

The presence of a large number of English and American cigarettes on the pavement stalls and even in shops is due to the fact that Service Customers have not yet and secure what they require by exchanging packets of cigarettes.

P. I. CIRCULARS

A notice, issued by the Chief Censor's Office yesterday, states:—"A number of circular letters from the Bagulo Gold Mining Company, post marked Manila, August 16, 1945, have been received in this office. It has not been possible to deliver some of these on account of insufficient address. Any person expecting to receive any communication from the above-mentioned Company is, therefore, requested to call at the General Post Office."

TRAITOR'S BOARD

Million pound fortune of Joseph Darnand, the "French Himmler," has been transferred from its hiding place in Italy to the Ministry of Finance in Paris by exchange.

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H. K. BOY

SERVING IN INDIA

With so many former Hong Kong residents returning to the Colony from different parts of the world since the surrender by Japan, news in connection with the whereabouts of people who left the Colony since December 25, 1941 continues to trickle in.

The many friends of Mr. M. el Arculli, Indian Recreation Club cricketer, and pitcher-captain of the H.B. baseball team, which won the baseball championship here in 1939, will be interested to learn that he is now a Lieutenant in the Rajputana Rifles, stationed in India, and that he will shortly be due to arrive in the Colony by air. He was formerly employed in the Royal Naval Dockyard here.

Mr. H. J. Yappe, who was on the editorial staff of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" in Chungking, where he is a member of the staff of the Ministry of Information.

Mr. Yappe left the Colony early in January, 1942, and made his way to China's war-time capital via Shikwan, while Lt. Arculli left here in February, 1942, for Macao. From the Portuguese colony he made his way, overland, to Chungking and from there flew to India.

RADIO

WEDNESDAY, 12th SEPTEMBER 1945.

ZBW HONGKONG Broadcasting on Frequencies of 845 Kilocycles and 9.47 Megacycles.

12.30 p.m.—Compositions of Chopin.

12.40 p.m.—Orchestral Programme.

1.0 p.m.—News & Announcements.

1.10 p.m.—Arthur Askey in Variety.

1.30 p.m.—MANDARIN & CANTONESE PROGRAMMES.

2.0 p.m.—Close down.

6.30 p.m.—Compositions of Eric Coates.

7.0 p.m.—News & Announcements.

7.10 p.m.—Dance Music.

7.30 p.m.—MANDARIN & CANTONESE PROGRAMMES.

8.0 p.m.—News and Announcements in English.

9.10 p.m.—Second Reading of Information Regarding Relatives of Internees.

9.30 p.m.—Light Orchestral Programme with Milla Korjus (Soprano).

10.0 p.m.—London Relay: News and Highlights from the Newspapers.

10.15 p.m.—London Relay: "Homeward Bound" A Special Programme for P.O.W.

10.30 p.m.—Close down.

NOTICE

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September 8, 1945.

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